

SERVICE SCENE

Mrs. Finucane Gives Tea for Mrs. Thomas

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Spring hats and gardening took conversational precedence at the tea given yesterday by Mrs. Charles C. Finucane, wife of the Undersecretary of the Army, in honor of Mrs. Charles S. Thomas, wife of the retiring Secretary of the Navy, at the Sulgrave Club.

Mrs. Thomas was herself a picture of spring.

Dressed in navy blue from head to toe, she held a small nosegay of violets and rosebuds which complemented the assorted spring flowers that adorned the brim of her picture hat. Mrs. Finucane was also in blue brocade and wore a shoulder corsage of cymbidium orchids.

One of the most fascinating hats at the tea, and a conversation piece, was worn by Mrs. Donald A. Quafles, wife of the Secretary of the Air Force. It was a large aqua straw cartwheel with cutout brim in front decorated with white blossoms to resemble the Potomac Tidal Basin.

Together all the other guests' hats looked like a garden in full bloom. A delicate headpiece of lilies-of-the-valley that looked real enough to pluck was worn by Mrs. Albert C. Mumma, wife of the chief of the Navy's Bureau of Ships, while Mrs. Bartholomew Hogan's dogwood - trimmed pink sailor got many compliments.

Corsages also represented a wide variety of choice, from the gay cluster of daisies worn by Mrs. George H. Roderick, wife of the Assistant Secretary of the Army, to the green orchids on Mrs. Fred A. Seaton, wife of the Secretary of Interior.

The gardening enthusiasts were Mrs. Carter B. Magruder, who said she has already put her green thumb to work, and Mrs. Clyde D. Eddleman, who said yesterday was just a "perfect day" to get out with spade and trowel.

Taking turns pouring at the tea table were Mrs. Wilber M. Brucker, wife of the Secretary of the Army; Mrs. Roderick; Mrs. Frank H. Higgins, wife of the Assistant Secretary of the Army; Mrs. Frank Millard, wife of the Army General Counsel; Mrs. William B. Franke, wife of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy, and Mrs. Randolph McC. Pate, wife of the Commandant of the Marine Corps.

Mrs. Charles E. Wilson, wife of the Secretary of Defense,

and Mrs. George M. Humphrey, wife of the Secretary of the Treasury, were among those seen at the tea table, along with Mrs. Percival F. Brundage, wife of the director of the Bureau of the Budget, and Mrs. Gordon Gray, wife of the director of the Office of Defense Mobilization.

A white straw peach-basket-style hat, decorated with a bright red bow, was worn by Miss Bertha Adkins, assistant to the chairman of the Republican National Committee. Also looking smart in a natural straw sailor with a red rose-

gay on its brim was Mrs. M. Robert Guggenheim.

Among others dropping by were Mrs. E. Perkins McGuire, wife of the Assistant Secretary of Defense, with Mrs. William J. Brennan, wife of the new Supreme Court Associate Justice; Mrs. William P. MacCracken, Mrs. Garrison Norton, Mrs. Arthur W. Radford, Mrs. Paul Lovelace, Mrs. Harold D. Baker, Mrs. Lyle S. Garlock, Mrs. Dewey Short, Mrs. Nathan F. Twining, Mrs. Thomas D. White, Mrs. Charles P. Cabell, Mrs. Robert LeBaron, Mrs. Ormond Milton, Mrs. Hyde Gillette, Mrs. Victor E. Cooley, and Mrs. Parke H. Brady.